

Warden Message

March 8, 2010

Greetings from the U.S. Mission to Ecuador. The following Warden Message is part of our program to keep American citizens visiting or residing in Ecuador apprised of information that may affect them. We hope this message finds you well and wish to inform you of the following:

On **Tuesday, May 4, 2010** Indiana will hold its State primary election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. If you are eligible to vote in this election, and requested and received an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 presidential election, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot, and need not take any further action unless your mailing address has changed or you have not specified which major political party (Democratic or Republican) you wish to receive a May 2010 primary ballot for. Under Indiana law, you must choose a primary ballot for one of the two major parties to vote for candidates running in that party's primary.

If you have not specified which party's primary ballot you wish to receive, or if your address has changed since 2008, please file an absentee application with your county election office as soon as possible.

Register to Vote

All UOCAVA citizens: Your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) will be considered timely if it is received by Monday, April 26, 2010. You will then be sent an acknowledgment of registration from your county voter registration office.

Registration is required for overseas citizens and absent Uniformed Service members.

If you are already registered, you must still complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an absentee ballot.

Request Your Ballot

To register to vote or request a ballot for this election submit the FPCA if you have not done so already. Get started by following the prompts at www.fvap.gov. Remember that for a primary election, you must request a Democratic or Republican Party ballot to receive a ballot with the names of candidates of your chosen party. Although the deadline for receipt of the FPCA is April 26, 2010, do not wait! Submit the FPCA to your county election office as recommended below:

*Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, on ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should mail it immediately and send it by email or fax (see below).

*Voters in other overseas military installations should mail their FPCA by March 29, 2009.

*Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should mail their FPCA by April 19, 2010.

You may fax your FPCA directly to your county election office. Fax numbers are available at: <http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA/fpca-in.html>. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service. Use the cover sheet available at www.fvap.gov/resources/media/coversheet.pdf, and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers are available at www.fvap.gov.

You may also send your FPCA by email. If you choose to email the FPCA, send the form as a signed, scanned email attachment directly to your county election office. Email addresses can be found at:

<http://indianavoters.com/PublicSite/Public/FT1/PublicContactLookup.aspx>.

You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service. Use the cover sheet available at www.fvap.gov/resources/media/coversheet.pdf. Email to vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

Return Your Ballot

Although Indiana mails ballots for the State primary by March 20, 2010 you may not have time to receive, vote and return it! The Federal Write-In Absentee ballot is not yet available for use in Indiana primary elections. You will be able to use the FWAB in the November general election. Return your absentee ballot directly to your county election office. Addresses for these offices can be found at <http://www.fvap.gov/contact/addresses/inaddr.html>.

Your ballot must be received by your county election office by May 4, 2010 if you are a Uniformed Service member serving in the United States or by May 14, 2010 if postmarked May 4, 2010 if you are serving outside the U.S. or are a overseas citizen. To account for mail transit, submit your ballot or FWAB to your local election office as recommended below:

*Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, on ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should mail their ballot by April 6, 2010.

*Voters in other overseas military installations should mail their ballot by April 13, 2010.

*Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should mail their ballot by April 27, 2010.

Additional information: For More Information go to the Indiana election website at:

<http://www.in.gov/sos/elections> or visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>> , and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for public call-in hours (Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593-2-398-5172/5537/5588. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/>. American Citizen walk-in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.